Unclassified Service Public Hearing
Public Hearing Agenda # 242
Minutes of Proceeding
June 15, 2009 (M)
2 ½% General Salary Increase effective June 21, 2009
For eligible Union and Non-union employees

Good morning everyone. My name is Anthony Bucci and I am the State Personnel Administrator and I am employed at the Rhode Island Department of Administration. I am here today to conduct an "Unclassified" Public Hearing on behalf of Gary S. Sasse, Director of the Department of Administration. This hearing is being conducted pursuant to Chapter 36-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, specifically Sections 36-4-16 and 36-4-16.2.

For the record, today is Monday, June 15th, 2009 at 10:05 AM. "Notice" of this Public Hearing was posted on Tuesday, June 9th, 2009 on each of the five (5) floors within the Department of Administration, at the State House Library and electronically with the Secretary of State. Further, as a courtesy, on Thursday, June 11th, the Notice and Agenda were electronically forwarded to labor union officials, and state agency managements.

The purpose of this Hearing is to allow for public comment concerning a proposed amendment to the Unclassified Service Classification and Pay Plan contained in Public Hearing Agenda #

016. The sole item on the Agenda for consideration and comment involves a 2½% General Salary Increase to be in effect on Sunday, June 21, 2009 for both eligible unclassified service "union" employees and eligible unclassified service "non-union" employees.

In terms of process, it is important to note that all comments will be "recorded" and this record shall be reviewed by the Director of the Department of Administration and the Governor of the State of Rhode Island. Subsequently, a final decision will be made and that decision will be implemented.

If you wish to make a comment on the proposed amendments, I ask that you please speak loud enough in order to make certain that the recorder here in the front of the room can accurately record your comments. Also, please identify yourself for the record and if you are representing an organization please identify that organization. Finally, if you have any "written comments" you are welcome to provide a copy.

As I proceed through the Agenda, I will individually identify each of the qualifying two (2) categories of employees being proposed for the general salary increase and subsequently, those of you wishing to provide public comment may do so.

Agenda Item # 1 proposes a 2 ½% general salary increase effective Sunday, June 21, 2009 for eligible unclassified service organized

employees as a result of negotiated wage settlements due to collective bargaining between the State of Rhode Island and the:

- RI Council 94, A.F.S.C.M.E., AFL-CIO
- Laborers' International Union of North America RI Laborers' District Council (LIUNA)
- RI Alliance of Social Service Employees Local 580, SEIU, AFL-CIO
- RI Court Reporters Alliance Local 4829 (RIFTHP, AFT, AFL-CIO)

Are there any comments on Agenda Item # 1?

Hearing none, the record will reflect that there is no public comment on Agenda Item # 1.

Agenda Item # 2 proposes a 2 ½% general salary increase effective Sunday, June 21, 2009 for eligible unclassified service non-organized employees including employees of the Office of the Governor.

Are there any comments on Agenda Item # 2?
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Hearing none, the record will reflect that there is no public comment on Agenda Item # 2.

Are there any other comments that anyone wishes to make?

Hearing none, it is now 10:15 AM and this Public Hearing is adjourned.

Thank you for taking the time to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony A. Bucci
Personnel Administrator